<u>**U.S. Embassy Bahrain**</u>
<u>**Demonstration Notice 95 – August 13, 2012**</u>

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Bahrain from time to time in response to world events or local developments. United States citizens should keep current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, depart the vicinity immediately.

- **On Monday, August 13 beginning at approximately 1900 hours local time, demonstrations are planned in the vicinities of Bilaad al Qadheem, Sitra, A'Ali, and Karranah Villages (yellow circles).**

- **On Tuesday, August 14 beginning at approximately 1900 hours local time, demonstrations are planned in Al-Malikiya and Jiddhafs (blue circle).**

- **Additionally on Tuesday, August 14 wide-spread demonstrations have been called for in multiple areas around Bahrain. While no specific time is mentioned, these demonstrations are expected to occur during hours of darkness. Villages mentioned in include, but are not limited to: Bani Jamra, Diraz, Markh, Karranah, Jannusan, Al Maqsha, Barbar, Abusaiba, Al Hajar, Shakhoora, Maqaba, Saar, Al Qadam, Al Qurayya, Janabiya, Jid Al Haaj, A'Ali, Buri, Salmabad, Jid Ali, Jirdab, Al Kawara, Tubli, Nuwaidrat, Al Ekr, Al Ma'ameer, Sanad, Jidhafs, Al Musalla, Sanabis, Daih, Karbabad, and Sitra.**

- **As a reminder per Demo Notice 91-12, the Manama Souq is off limits for Chief of Mission personnel from 2000 to 0200 on 14 August due to a planned religious process / gathering.**

- **On Friday, August 17 from 1900 hours onwards, demonstrations are planned in Bilaad al Qadheem, Sitra, and Al Eker.**

There have been no direct attacks on U.S. citizens; however, spontaneous and at times violent anti-government demonstrations occur in some neighborhoods, particularly at night and on weekends. These demonstrations have included blockades of major highways with burning debris and establishment of unofficial checkpoints. Participants have thrown rocks and Molotov cocktails and used various other homemade weapons, including isolated use of improvised explosive devices. The Ministry of Interior maintains official checkpoints in some areas and routinely uses tear gas and stun grenades along with birdshot and other crowd control measures against demonstrators. Violent clashes between security forces and demonstrators can make travel in and around Bahrain dangerous without advance warning.

Please see below for a map. Areas shaded in red are off-limits to U.S. Citizen Embassy employees and their family members. Areas shaded in blue are off-limits to U.S. Citizen Embassy employees and their family members 20:00 – 04:00.

We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at http://travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information for Bahrain, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The Embassy's web site, http://bahrain.usembassy.gov, includes travel information and

the Worldwide Caution and Demonstration Notices. All U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. The Consular Section can be reached at ManamaConsular@state.gov.

See the below map for areas.

Al'Malikiya   **A'Ali**   **Sitra**